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*St Louis GNS*

*Newsletter*

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### Parents' Notice-Board

The Parents' Notice-Board is in the front hall. Please watch out for relevant information. Our policy on the distribution of information to children from outside agencies remains the same. The leaflets are left in the front hall-way for the children to pick up, on the way in or out, and the announcement is made over the intercom. We hope this limits the amount of unwanted and waste paper sent home to you and also helps to minimise disruption to class work. The same policy applies to people who visit the school to advertise courses, classes and events.

### Parents' Association

The Parents' Association AGM took place on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seamus Grundy from St. Mary's Boys' School gave a very interesting and informative talk on Internet Safety and Mrs Rooney presented the details of the new Anti-Bullying Campaign which the parents present received with much enthusiasm. We thank the outgoing Parents' Association officers, Mrs Patricia Mc Elwain, Mrs Caroline Lafferty and Ms Louise Mc Gaughren for their tireless work last year and their very significant contribution to the school. We welcome the new Parents' Association officers for this school year, Mrs Freda Connolly as Chairperson, Mrs Eneli Otsalt as Secretary and welcome back to Ms Louise Mc Gaughren as Treasurer. A full list of the members of the Committee will be published in the next Newsletter.

### Holidays during School

We are finding it very difficult to deal with children taking holidays during the school term. Please do not make arrangements to travel with your children during the school term. The children find it very difficult to settle into school on their return and to catch up on what they have been missing. It is school policy not to send work with children on holidays during term as this puts unnecessary pressure on the child and on the teacher when the child returns to school.

### Harlem Gospel Choir

We are delighted to announce that we have received a special invitation to support the Harlem Gospel Choir at their concert in the Garage Theatre on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The two fifth classes will be involved in the concert under the direction of Mrs Mc Geown and Mrs Toal. More details of this event will be forwarded to fifth class parents after midterm.

Congratulations to Niamh Power, Lara Mc Caughey, Jessica Leane and Millie-Rose Mc Cleary Keenan on being excellent at the Department of Children and Youth Affairs Event on Monday last during which they were involved with the recruitment of the new Ombudsman for Children.

### **Rainbows Programme**

If you are interested in your daughter attending the Rainbows Programme to address loss due to separation, divorce or bereavement, please contact Mrs Rooney.

### **HSE Be Active Programme**

The **HSE BeActive Programme** continues for second class only each Monday from 3-4pm. It is essential that the children are collected at 4pm sharp. We would like to express our gratitude to all the parents who have been assisting us with the programme so far. We are also requesting that parents who are not helping with the session wait at the school gate until the children come out at 4pm. Thanks to Mrs Bernie Farrell, Mrs Anne Mc Kenna and Mrs Anna Mai Rooney for facilitating this programme.

### **Maths Challenge & Maths Week**

Last week was National Maths Week which we celebrated in the school with special Maths activities co-ordinated by Ms Brady. We are continuing this Maths focus by offering a problem solving challenge each week to all the girls from 2nd to 6th. One junior and senior girls name with the correct answer will be randomly selected each Friday and a point given to her class.

### **Gardaí Síochána**

Members of **Na Gardaí Síochána** will work with 5th and 6th class this week to promote the importance of safety over the Hallowe'en Break.

### **Junior Achievement**

Mrs Mc Geown's 5th class has been offered the opportunity to take part in the Junior Achievement Programme for a special half day event in Corcaghan on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Toal's 5<sup>th</sup> class have already enjoyed a special day's event on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Basketball**

Basketball is continuing each Monday for 5th and 6th class girls. It takes place in the St. Louis Secondary School PE Hall and is facilitated by Mrs Tina Mc Kenna and a team of Transition Year students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mc Kenna for her commitment to this session each Monday and to acknowledge the work of Ms. Vera O' Brien, principal of St. Louis Secondary School, for setting up this opportunity for the

### **Acknowledgements**

We welcome Ms Carmel Smyth to temporarily replace Mrs Laura Dunlop as Special Needs Assistant until the Christmas holidays when Mrs Dunlop will return to her post.

### **Holidays**

Dates for your diary:-

**Mid Term Break**— School will close on **Friday 24th October** and reopen **Monday 3rd November**

**Parent Teacher Meetings** — **Thursday November 27th 3.30—6.30 pm**

**Parents' Association Meeting**— **Tuesday, November 18th at 8.15pm**

### **Ulster Swimming Competition**

Congratulations to Kendra Fagan, Ellen Mc Geough and Sarah Douglas who took part in the Ulster Swimming Gala in Ballymena on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Ms Susan Ryan (Ellen's mother) for organising this event.



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